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Rules regarding Permit System introduced between Western Pakistan and India

NOTIFICATIONS

New Delhi, the 6th September 1948

No. II(55)/48-General.—Notification No. II(55)/48-General, dated the 29th July 1948, appearing in the Gazette of India of 7th August, 1948, is hereby cancelled.

D. SUKH ANAND, Under Secy.

New Delhi, the 7th September 1948

No. II(55)/48-General.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Influx from West Pakistan (Control) Ordinance, 1948 (XVII of 1948), the Central Government is pleased to make the following rules:—

- 1. These rules may be called the Permit System Rules, 1948.
- 2. In these rules-
 - (i) "Check Post" means a place where permits are checked.
 - (ii) "High Commissioner" or "Deputy High Commissioner" means the High Commissioner or Deputy High Commissioner for India in Pakistan.
 - (iii) "State" means an Acceding State.
 - (iv) "Refugee" means a person domiciled or ordinarily resident in, or owning property in, or who carried on business within, the territories now comprised in the Dominion of Pakistan and who has, since the first day of March, 1947, left or been made to leave his place of residence or has abandoned or been made to abandon his property or business in the said territories on account of civil disturbances or the fear of such disturbances or the partition of the country.
- 8. There shall be three kinds of permits, namely:—
 - (i) Permits for temporary visits,
 - (ii) Permits for resettlement or permanent return, and
 - (iii) Permanent permits.
- 4. Permits shall be printed in triplicate in bound books and serially muchinenumbered. The first copy shall be kept by the issuing authority, the second

copy shall be sent to the Superintendent of Police of the District or State to which the applicant may be going and the third copy shall be given to the applicant.

- 5. Permits may be issued by the High Commissioner at Karachi, or the Deputy High Commissioner at Lahore.
- 6. The General Manager of the Jodhpur Railway may issue a temporary or permanent permit to any member of the staff of that railway which shall be used for crossing or re-crossing the frontier while on duty and shall contain photograph of the person to whom it is issued.
- 7. Government officers and businessmen who have frequently to travel between the two Dominions on duty or on business may be given permanent permits signed by an officer specified in rule 5. In case Pakistan also introduces the permit system, such permits shall be countersigned by the authorised officers of both the Dominions. Each such permit shall bear the photograph of the person to whom it is issued.
- 8. An application for permit shall be submitted in the form specified in Appendix I to these Rules.
 - 9. The permits shall be in the form specified in Appendix II to these Rules.
- 10. Any officer of the Check Post may ask the permit holder to sign his name or put his thumb mark afresh with a view to compare it with the signature or thumb mark on the permit.
- 11. On the completion of the return journey the permit for temporary visit shall be handed over to the officer at the Check Post or to the issuing authority.
- 12 No person holding a temporary permit shall stay in India after the date of expiry of such permit.
- 13. Refugee specials from Hyderabad (Sind) shall be accompanied by an officer appointed by the High Commissioner. On the authority of such officer, the persons travelling in the special may be allowed to enter India without any permit. Persons travelling by ordinary trains from Hyderabad (Sind) shall secure permits from an officer appointed for the purpose at Hyderabad by the High Commissioner. The period of such permits shall not exceed the period necessary for the journey and a small margin for any delay.
- 14. Refugees travelling under the Indian Government Evacuation Organisation operating in West Punjab shall, on the certificate of the escorting officer, be allowed to enter India without any permit.
- 15. Refugees coming by sea from Karachi to Bombay or any other Indian port will require permits, unless they travel by a ship exclusively meant for refugees. The period of such permit should be so timed as to expire immediately after the arrival of the ship in the Indian Port where the refugee is to disembark.
- 16. A permit for resettlement or return may be granted by the High Commissioner or Deputy High Commissioner only—
 - (i) after personal scrutiny of the application, and
 - (ii) after securing agreement of the State or the Province where the applicant intends to resettle.
- 17. Application from a person wishing to return to India temporarily with his family shall be specially scrutinised by the High Commissioner or the Deputy High Commissioner.
- 18. No Railway, Shipping Company or Airway shall issue ticket to any passenger who is not in possession of a permit.

APPENDIX I

(Application for Permit)

(see rule 8)

Name (in Block Capitals)

Father's name

Full address in Pakistan

Occupation

Age

Purpose of visit and places to be visited

Duration of visit.

Address in India and one or two references in India

Signature of applicant

Cortificate by a Magistrate, Justice of the Peace or M.L.A.

Certified that the information given in the above application is correct.

Signature

Date.

APPENDIX II

(See Rule 9)

Form of Temporary Permit.

Serial No.

Book No.

Name (in Block Capitals)

Father's name

Full address in Pakistan

Occupation

Address in India and one or two references

Purpose of visit and places to be visited

Deviation of visit

Signature of applicant

The applicant whose details are given above is permitted to stay in India or the purpose specified above from

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Signature

High Commissioner for India, Karachi.

Dy. High Commissioner for India, Lahoré.

Dated; Karachi. the Lahore, the

(B)

Form of Permit for Resettlement or permanent return.

Book No.

Serial No.

Name (in Block Capitals)

Father's name

Occupation

Age

Address in India where resettlement desired References

Signature of Applicant

The applicant whose details are given above is allowed to resettle in/retur to India permanently. This has reference to the Permission granted by the Government of in their letter No.

Official Seal

Signature

High Commissioner for India, Karachi.

Dy. High Commissioner for India, Lahore

Dated: Karachi, the Lahore, the

APPENDIX II

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Form of Permanent Permit

I. Name

Pass No.

- 2. Father's name
- 3 Occupation & Permanent address

Photograph.

4. Age

5. Religion.

- 6. Mark of identification
- 7. Specimen Signature or thumb impression of the holder
- 8. Valid for

Dated.

High Commissioner for India, Karachi.

Dy. High Commissioner for India, Lahore.

(N.B. —This pass must be retained by the holder.

V. D. DANTYAGI, Jt. Secy.

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